



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE**

MEMORANDUM OF DISMISSAL

TO: American Phone Services Corp.
FROM: William Bendetson, Hearing Officer
RE: D.T.C. 21-AR-2

Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications and Cable on its own motion, pursuant to G.L. c. 159 §§ 12, 32 and 39, and G.L. c. 166 §§ 11 and 12, regarding the failure by individually-named common carriers of telecommunications services to file annual returns for calendar year 2018.

DATE: October 25, 2021

On June 3, 2021, the Department of Telecommunications and Cable ("Department") issued a Notice of Investigation and Hearing ("Notice") and Order Opening Investigation ("Order") in docket D.T.C. 21-AR, regarding the failure of 20 telecommunications carriers to file annual returns for calendar year 2018. The Notice and Order directed the named companies to respond by July 6, 2021 with information, in part, on whether each company: (1) could produce the relevant annual return; (2) could provide an explanation regarding the reasonableness of the failure to file; and (3) provided telecommunications services within the Commonwealth during the applicable calendar year.

The Department received American Phone Services Corp.'s ("American Phone") notice of withdrawal of its registration with the Department on April 3, 2018. The notice of withdrawal states the company ceased operations as of September 30, 2016. Therefore, the Department determines that American Phone did not have an annual return filing requirement for 2018, and dismisses the case for docket D.T.C. 21-AR-2.

/s/
William Bendetson
Hearing Officer